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In re Application of:  
MORITA ET AL.  
Serial No.: 10/533,605  
Filed: 29 April 2005  
Docket: 92478-2600

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: DECISION ON PETITION TO  
: MAKE SPECIAL UNDER 37  
: C.F.R. § 1.102(d)  
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This is a decision on the petition filed on August 28, 2006 to make the above-identified application special under the accelerated examination procedure set forth in MPEP § 708.02(VIII) in accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.102(d). The petition included a certificate of mailing dated August 23, 2006.

On August 25, 2006, new conditions were established for applications to become eligible for accelerated examination as set forth in "Change to Practice for Petitions in Patent Applications to Make Special and for Accelerated Examination" published in the Federal Register on June 26, 2006 (71 Fed. Reg. 36323). In accordance with Office policy, a transition in practice occurs between the new standards and the old requirements unless the Notice specifically states that it does not. Accordingly, the certificate of mailing is accepted as the date of submission of the petition.

The petition complies with M.P.E.P. § 708.02, Item VIII: Accelerated Examination, in that it is accompanied by (a) the required petition fee of \$130.00, (b) a statement that all claims are directed a single invention or an offer to make an oral election without traverse should the Patent and Trademark Office hold that the claims are not directed to a single invention, (c) a statement that a pre-examination search has been made by the inventor, attorney, agent, or professional searchers, etc., the field of search was also provided, (d) one copy of each of the references deemed most closely related to the subject matter encompassed by the claims, and (e) a detailed description of the submitted references and discussions pointing out how the claimed subject matter distinguishes over these references.

For the above stated reasons, the petition is GRANTED.

The application file is being forwarded to the examiner for expedited prosecution.

If the examiner can make this application special without prejudice to any possible interfering applications, and he/she should make a rigid search for such, he/she is authorized to do so for the next action. Should the application be rejected, the application will not be considered special for the subsequent action unless the applicant promptly makes a bona fide effort to place the application in condition for allowance, even if it is necessary to have an interview with the examiner to accomplish this purpose.

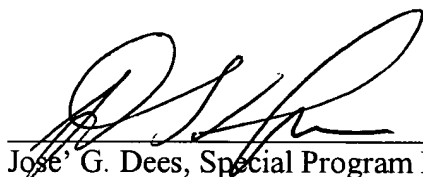
If the examiner finds any interfering application for the same subject matter, he/she should consider such application simultaneously with this application and should state in the official letter of such application that he/she is taking it out of its turn because of possible interference.

Should an appeal be taken in this application or should this application becomes involved in an interference, consideration of the appeal and the interference will be expedited by all Patent and Trademark Office officials concerned, contingent likewise upon diligent prosecution by the applicant.

After allowance, this application will be given priority for printing. See M.P.E.P. § 1309.

The petition is granted to the extent indicated.

Any inquiry regarding this decision should be directed to Jose' G. Dees, Special Program Examiner, at (571) 272-1569.



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